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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. At about 5 p.m. on 8 April 1953, 9 light AA guns, about 20 trucks, 4 Jeeps and about 150 soldiers were loaded in Wittenberg for shipment toward Jueterbog. [REDACTED]

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2. The following loadings were observed at the Wittenberg freight station:

At about 9 p.m. on 16 March: 3 SU-249 guns, Nos 453, 461, and 463, 5 T-34 tanks including Nos 133 and 150, and about 15 motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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At about 12:30 p.m. on 17 March: 3 JS-3 tanks Nos 420, 424 and 441, 5 T-34 tanks including Nos 307, 327, 334, and 501.2 [REDACTED]

3. The following columns moved through Sperenberg toward Rehagen from the direction of the Kummersdorf firing range:

At about 6 p.m. on 18 March: 22 motor vehicles towing 3 x 76-mm AA guns. [REDACTED]

At about 12 at noon on 21 March: 8 trucks towing 8 camouflaged artillery pieces on special trailers, 5 trucks mounting AA machine guns on sockets, 2 radio trucks, 2 trucks with troops with portable radio sets, 2 busses with officers and EM, 3 trucks with strawbags, bedsteads and other billeting equipment, 2 field kitchens, and 2 vehicles with van-like superstructures with small windows. [REDACTED]

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4. At about 8:45 a.m. on 21 March, 4 T-34 tanks, 12 to 15 trucks and about 15 x 132-mm rocket launchers were loaded at the Forst-Zinna railroad station.4

5. At about 12:30 p.m. on 26 March, the following unit was seen near the so-called Wildbahn at the eastern border of Jueterbog troop

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25X1X training grounds: about 60 trucks [REDACTED] about 10 x 132-mm rocket launchers, about 9 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia.⁵

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6. Between 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on 19 March, the following column was observed moving along the autobahn toward Jueterbog: 30 Stalinets tractors towing 152-mm field howitzers, 4 radio trucks, 10 trucks and 2 sedans. [REDACTED] the driver and personnel on the trucks wore gas masks.⁶

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7. Between 2 and 3 p.m. on 17 March, a convoy of about 15 trucks [REDACTED] passed through Els erwerda on Highway No 101. It came from the direction of Grossenhain and moved toward Liebenwerda.⁷

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The train was previously confirmed by two other sources.

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2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 2d Gds AAA Div. Another source observed a column of the division moving in the opposite direction, namely from Wuensdorf to Sperenberg on 17 March. [REDACTED]. Other movements of units of the division observed since early March led from the area of Zossen-Kummersdorf, mostly toward a southerly direction. It is therefore assumed, that exercises were conducted in the training area of the former Kummersdorf firing range. No information on AA firing practice in this area has been received.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. A confirmation of the train with shipment-record No on 169 of the 1st Mecz Div was contained in a previous report.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. In March, numerous units of the Second and Third Gds Mecz Army practiced firing at Jueterbog with artillery and rocket launchers.

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. The bulk of the 24th Arty Div (US) marched to Jueterbog by road on 16 and 17 March and returned on 11 trains on 19 and 20 March. It is doubted that a unit with 30 x 152-mm guns should have marched to Jueterbog on 19 March. The information obviously refers to the movements on 17 March. Source probably erred with regard to the date.

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a unit of the air force.

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